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THE NEWS.
Although the letter of Jefferson Davis to the Georgia Senators, which we publish elsewhere, is dated the 27th of November last, it is a question at this junction by the Richmond papers to be taken as evidence that the views then expressed by the writer are applicable to the present state of affairs. We see nothing in it to justify the expectation of peace to be obtainable through any negotiations with the rebel government.
Information has been received by the Navy Department that since the capture of Fort Fisher five blockade runners, laden with valuable cargoes, have been captured while attempting to run into New Inlet.
Our correspondence contains the statement that the destructive naval force in European waters is to be advanced both in numbers and power of vessels, to give foreign Governments an idea of our position as a naval power, and the effect will doubtless be salutary. We may not greatly frighten them, but they will see the folly of attempting to insult us and reciprocal respect grow up.
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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

LATEST FROM THE MILITARY SITUATIONS.

ADMIRAL PORTER PROMISES TO BE IN WILMINGTON SOON.

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78,000 REBEL PRISONERS IN FEDERAL POSSESSION.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

The Trial Sheet of Prisoners—Forcible Attack on Judge Kelly by a Louisiana Sensational Claimant—Important from the South.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1865.

The number of our prisoners in the hands of the rebels will run over 67,000. We hold over 78,000 of the rebels, including 31 Major and Brigadier Generals.

The Joint Commission, provided for under the Hodges-Dent Company treaty, to investigate the claims arising under that treaty, is still in session here, taking testimony. Claims amounting upwards of $150,000 have thus far been disposed of. The amount upon Judge Kelly's list, presented by one of the Louisiana claimants to a seat in the Senate, was the most direct and deliberate attempt to receive the old bowie knife and revolver style of argument that has been witnessed in Washington since the session took place. Kelly, it is said, would-be member from Louisiana, was very much incensed against Judge Kelly for his recent speech on the subject. Late Saturday evening, Judge Kelly was seated with some friends at supper at the hotel, when Field came in and approached him, presently began attacking Judge Kelly for his position on Louisiana reconstruction. Kelly tried to avoid any discussion; Field began cursing him, telling him, "G—d d—n you, you are afraid to speak your constitutional rights." Still Judge Kelly told him he would have no discussion with him, and that a man who could combine himself with Thaddeus Stevens in the presence of his dying daughter, required no better answer. Field then grew still more overbearing, when shortly afterwards Kelly and his friends went out. They soon met at the door by Field, who immediately attacked Kelly. The latter caught Field with one hand and held him at arms length with the other, and seemed about to strike him full in the face, when he exclaimed, "No, I won't strike him, he's an old man; take him away, take him away." But striking at Kelly with his fists, and succeeded in cutting an ugly gash across Kelly's hand. By this time the crowd rushed in and Field was roughly used up. Kelly exclaiming, for the first time, that he had been cut. Official looks the office of the hotel to have his wound dressed. Field insinuated that he was drunk, and kept pacing back and forth, swearing that he would kill Kelly before he went home. A police officer arrested him and carried him off towards the lock up. To-day he has been bound over for trial.

The crowd of spectators all unite in saying that Kelly's coolness and moderation were beyond all praise. It remains to be seen how the effort to recover plantation manners and terrorism will be received by the country.

The heavy fall of sleet and snow is now becoming slush and renders the roads impassable.

Indications in the rebel Congress point strongly to the success of the movement for making Lee Lieutenant General. Resolutions to that effect have already passed the rebel Senate.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Legislative Matters—The Chicago Riot—Consolidation—The Illinois Central Amendment—The Union Stock Yard.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Saturday, Jan. 21.

Both Houses of the General Assembly were in session only during a portion of the forenoon of to-day, there not being a quorum in the House. No business of importance was done in either branch of the Legislature.

A dispatch was read in the Senate, to-day, from Marcus Sherman, of Chicago, saying that the Common Council of that city had passed a resolution, by a very large majority, protesting against the creation of the Chicago River Commission.

I understand that Senators McConnell, Lindley, and Manning, all Democrats, will speak in the Senate on Monday, in favor of the amendment of the Constitution forever prohibiting slavery in the United States. The speech of Mr. McConnell is said to be one of great power and ability.

Hon. Thomas J. Pickett, of Rock Island, who is now nearly seventy years of age, and voted and spoke against slavery in 1818, is looked for with much interest, as it is the first of the Democrats in the House to vote for the amendment. The old hero's persuasion, but since the death of that party has acted with the Republicans in the first abandonment of Democratic principles.

The Penitentiary Committee are very busy examining witnesses from all parts of the State. Their labors will probably continue until the end of the session.

Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany, of Chicago, delivered a lecture this evening in the Representative Hall on "The Social Problem of Labor."

The only amendments of importance to the Union Stock Yard bill are those which restrict the company to the territory outside of the city limits, and from the power to condemn land for other than railroad purposes, prohibit them from interfering with the police or fire regulations made under the direction of the lawful authorities of Cook county, and restrains them from erecting any right of privilege within the city limits of Chicago.

The bill has passed to be engrossed in the Senate by 17 to 5, which is equivalent to its final passage in that body.

The bill will probably encounter more opposition in the House, for it is believed to strike at both the city and Stock Yards interests of Chicago. The bill which authorizes the stock yard company to convey all kinds of freight from one railroad to another. This "personal" clause is also obnoxious, and the main feature of the bill, which, under the guise of incorporating a stock yard, incorporates a large number of railroads, is also severely commented upon.

FROM CINCINNATI.

The Chicago Conspiracy—Continuation of the Testimony of Shanks—Important Developments.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Court Martial assembled this morning in the Court House, to proceed with the trial of the conspirators from your city.

Previous to the approval of the record, Colonel Spooner rose to remove an impression in the minds of some, that he had been ordered to report to Gen. Hooker the cause of his absence on Thursday. The document which Major Burnett had in his hand, and on which, being communication to the Judge Advocate, requesting him to report the name and cause of the absence of the absentee. He considered the action of the Judge in publicly reading the paper as discourteous. Whereupon Major Burnett pacified himself, and after some further conversation, the matter dropped.

The examination of the witness Mr. J. T. Shanks, was continued. The following is a synopsis of his evidence:

The conversation between Fielding and myself on the night in November in my room of the Burnett House, Fielding was regretting the fallibleness of the plan of attack; Capt. Hynes, an officer in the Confederate army, had come to see the attacking party on the west side of the prisoners square, Fielding on the south, Grafus, an escaped prisoner, on the east, Dougherty on the north, and myself on the east. After the meeting I retired, but on the weekend about 4 o'clock by an officer making the arrest. There were several of the conspirators stopping that night at the Burnett House, from Richmond. Fielding was to be Federate authorities would furnish the means, though assistance would be rendered by the rebels in the North. Some of the men were to come from Canada and some would be furnished by the Sons of Liberty. A fly-cooket from the vicinity of the camp was to be the signal for the commencement of the attack, which would be simultaneously made upon the camp and in the city. The latter attack would be headed by Grenfel, who was to have set fire to three warehouses, and by the light of the flames the prisoners square, in charge of Wards and Marshall. Fielding estimated 20,000 men, including Grenfel, chiefly from the surrounding part of Illinois, would be required on the Saturday of the attack, and Randolph streets, and go up to the camp in small squads. My men, who were to make the attack from the public road, Cottage Grove avenue, were to be only armed with revolvers. The others would have guns. Grenfel said he was in correspondence with Gen. Price and Gen. Forrest. Gen. Morris and parties in Toronto. After the prisoners were released they were to destroy Chicago.

Similar attacks were meditated at the same time on Camp Douglas, Rock Island, Alton, Indianapolis, Camp Morton, Camp Chase, Camp Douglas, Camp Morton, Camp Chase, Camp Douglas, Camp Morton, Camp Chase, Camp Douglas

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1865

WILLIAM SEWARD, WE LOCATE THE CAPITAL!

There is a very general unanimity on the part of the Legislature and people of Illinois, in favor of changing the location of the State Capital; if there were equal unanimity as to the point to which it should be transferred, the removal would doubtless already have taken place. We have done nothing to create such a sentiment, having been entirely silent in the matter. But we accept existing facts and adapt our views to them. If the Capital is to be removed, as seems to be assumed, at what point in the State should it be established in order to promote the interests of the whole people of the State? It would hardly be worth while to remove it from Springfield, because Springfield is a quiet interior town, away from the great commercial and business centers, and locate it at one or the other of half a dozen thriving villages that might be mentioned, each of which would be open to the same objections. Every enterprising village in the State is interested in preventing the demoralization and disrepute into which it would fall by being made the site of the capital. For everybody knows that the moment the capital of a State is established, a moderate town, its entire people immediately forsake their former character of honest industry, and adopt the theory that from thenceforth they are to get their living by boarding the Legislature a few months of the year and the public officials the remainder. This keeps them all yawning, idling, talking politics, office hunting and poor as church mice. The meanest of all places for a resident or a stranger is a small town which undertakes to get a living by preying on its guests—and succeeds. This is all that ails Springfield. The capital is the innoculating virus of disease. Remove that to another one-horse town, and though it might previously have been full of enterprise and activity, the virus will produce the same disease—dullness and imposition, stagnation and stealing. Each inhabitant soon learns that he is to have but one "deal" with a single customer, and if the latter escapes with a whole skin, the former looks upon it as a lost debt.

None of these results ensue when the legislative center is made identical with the commercial and business center of the State. Chicago is the actual center of the State of Illinois, not indeed to a school boy who locates only on the map, though to a bright one even the map would reveal it in the fact that every railroad in the State built to enable the people to come straight into Chicago. As the brain is the center of the nervous system, the heart of the arterial system, so Chicago is the center and actual capital of the State. Trade, banking, railroading, the press, manufactures, arts, news, politics, educational movements, religious institutions, military and sanitary enterprises, all that makes the reputation and glory of the great State of Illinois, do not center at the geographical navel, Springfield, but at the arterial heart of the State—Chicago—and so it must always be. Again, the business of Chicago requires great hotels and ample accommodations, so ample that the mere accommodation of one or two legislatures, more or less, is a mere bagatelle. The hotels of Chicago are acknowledged to be fully equal to any in the Union, and the accommodations for the members of the Legislature and those who come into the State on public business would be less expensive than now, and on a scale worthy of the dignity of the great State of Illinois.

At Chicago the Legislature would through the newspaper press which must always center here, be brought into one day's closest contact with the people. Their action would be susceptible of one day's earlier criticism and justification before the whole State, and they will thus be more *en rapport* with the people.

The site proposed, at Union Park, in case the capital should be located at Chicago, would be a magnificent one, wholly unrivaled by any other locality in the State. The increasing public business and wealth of the State already require new public buildings, and nowhere would these display so advantageously as in the great central park of the State's metropolis.

The people of Chicago have been too much absorbed in the pursuit of their private business to extend to the Legislature of this State, hearty and unanimous invitation to remove the State capital to Chicago which the state of the views and deliberations of the General Assembly seem to warrant. Let the Common Council and the people hasten to remove all seeming indifference or remissness on this point and to assure the Legislature that though her private interests do not so immediately depend upon the removal of the capital to her midst, she would surpass any of the rural towns in the genuine hospitality with which she would welcome them.

Finally, we believe the aggregate mileage of members, by the direct routes from their homes to Chicago, would be considerably less than the present aggregate by indirect routes to Springfield. In every point of view there are the very strongest arguments for removing the capital to Chicago. The time was when a species of petty jealousy might have weighed against such arguments founded in the fitness of things. But the people of the whole State are coming to feel a common pride in Chicago as their common metropolis. Her prosperity is theirs, that her magnates are theirs, and if the capital shall be located here, her capital will be theirs.

THE HORSE RAILWAY BILL.

The city of Chicago has already learned with surprise that the lower House of the Legislature has passed, with only three dissenting votes, the bill extending the charter of our city railroad companies, which have still nineteen years to run, to ninety-nine years. Such an act so nearly unanimous, without waiting for the sanction of the Common Council of Chicago, or obtaining the assent of any portion of the people of Chicago, except those who are pecuniarily interested in the Horse Railway Companies, demands the aroused attention and prompt action of our people. Let us look at the facts. Six years ago these Horse Railway Companies applied for such franchises as they deemed sufficient to enable them with a fair profit to build and run their roads throughout the three sections of the city for twenty-five years. Although the enterprise was then a new one, they did not then ask that we should legislate away the powers of those generations of our posterity, but were content with a period less than the average duration of a single life. The result justifies their calculations. Not one of those roads will sell out at cost with interest at ten per cent per annum added, or any thing like it. If they would, abundance of parties stand ready to relieve them of their bargain. Yet their roads have not yet begun to pay as compared with the enormous profits which are certain to accrue to them during the remainder of their original term. They have run but six years—those their worst—and yet after watering their stock, and extending their routes, are able to pay fair dividends. Nineteen years of profit increasing every year, in arithmetical ratio, were still before them. When they began, our population was 90,000. During the past six years it has increased to 160,000. During the next six at the same rate it would amount to 250,000, and before the nineteen years had expired to 500,000. If these railroads are so powerful now that they can whirl a bill through the Legislature without asking the consent of the people of Chicago, either through their Common Council or otherwise, is it evidence that these Railroad Companies are too to pay twenty cents? And if they can do this thing at the end of six years, what can they not do at the end of twelve or nineteen? Even were the consent of the people of Chicago asked, which is not done, upon the common principle of self-government the 160,000 people who now make up Chicago would be unwilling to lay unforeseen and unknown burdens on the backs of the half a million or million of people who will compose the city after the expiration of nineteen years from this time. These monopolists would then have a revenue which, if properly taxed at say one cent each fare, would pay the expense of our entire common school system, that of the city government, and then give us a city measurably free from taxation. This would so add to our population that the railroads themselves would ultimately be benefited by it. But if instead of paying a fair tax to the city, they maintain a "secret service" or corruption fund, to buy up the votes of future legislatures and councils when needed, as all great monopolists wrongly assume, and thereby fasten their fair deserts, the same policy would compel us to educate and elevate, in order to corrupt and demoralize the community.

Moreover, it should be generally known that by the ordinance of the City Council relating to the charter of the railways, the city may be compelled at the end of the original seven or nine years, to take from the companies their railway stock improvements, and track, and real estate, and pay the companies their full value. That section of the ordinance is as follows:

"SEC. 16. The right to operate said railways shall cease at the end of twenty-five years after the passage hereof; but, at the expiration at such time, the parties operating said railways shall be entitled to a renewal of said privileges, which said Common Council shall have full power to grant for the purpose, to the said parties, their heirs and assigns, all station houses, station grounds, depots, turnouts, furniture and appurtenances of every kind and description, used in the construction or operation of said railways, or any of the aforesaid names in and about the same, and for the same in the manner hereafter mentioned."

The amendment to the bill as it passed the House reserving to the Legislature the power to reduce the fares seems very well, but it may be that the future city of Chicago would think it proper not only to reduce but to tax the fares. The people may wish to do so within ten years. Is it wise to grant a Camden and Amboy monopoly, whose scepter of power will defy the public, the Common Council, and the Legislature? Will not those who rule the Legislature now to extend their charter, be able to rule it by the same arguments hereafter to maintain their fares. If the Legislature are faithful to them in small things, will they not be faithful also in great?

We have the interests of Horse Railroads as much at heart as is consistent with the interests of the people, and ultimately of the Railroads themselves. The people and the Railroads are mutually dependant on each other, and the truest self interest for each is to promote the true interests of the other without stealing a march upon or seeking to control them. But when the railroads seek to steal a march of ninety-nine years on the people without rendering any tax or equivalent whatever for it, they themselves open a war, which the Press may foster and endeavor to guard against, but which such an aggression on either side will render inevitable. If the currency in which the railroads now receive their fares is inadequate to pay fair profits, we are in favor, upon such an exhibit of their affairs as will show that fact, being made, of allowing them temporarily to raise their fares to 6, 8 or 10 cents, but we believe this is not claimed.

One word to those who voted for this bill in the House. Though the circumstances should darken the air with rumors and idle suspicions, we have no insinuations to make against the integrity of any member who has voted for this bill. We leave it to others to make insinuations where they are not prepared to substantiate charges. Each member is responsible to his own constituents. But we would remind them of familiar cases in the Legislatures of adjoining States in which the vote upon a single bill has swept an entire legislative hall of its members, not one of them being re-elected.

VACATION OF ADAMS STREET.

In 1861 the city council gave Monroe street, from Canal to the river, to the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company, on their representation that they would forthwith build there a first-class passenger house and freight depot. In 1863 that portion of Dearborn street, between St. Charles and Canal streets, was given to the same corporation. In 1863 they received from the city certain franchises by ordinance, allowing them further privileges on Stewart avenue. Further along in the summer they sent in a communication offering $25,000 in case the city would tunnel the river at Adams street, vacating Adams, and $30,000 for a tunnel at Washington street. That communication was sent to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, West Division, and subsequently a communication was sent in from citizens, which was referred to the Committee on Harbors and Bridges. On the 12th of December these committees, with a majority of the Board of Public Works, reported in favor of the vacation of Adams street, and the building of a tunnel under the river at Washington street, the Railroad Company to pay towards it $20,000, and to raise by further subscription $80,000, making the whole sum $100,000. This vacation was perpetual. A remonstrance was presented from owners of two miles frontage on Adams, Canal and Market streets, protesting against the vacation of Adams street, and asking that such steps be taken at once as would give them a bridge or tunnel, and promising to cheerfully aid the authorities in the movement. The report made to the Council as above, with this remonstrance, was referred back to the committees. They reported a special meeting of the Council recommending the vacation of Adams street, with the provision that the city should have the right to build a bridge at any time within ten years on refunding the $20,000 to the P. & F. W. Co., and to build a tunnel at any time without limitation, for the same meeting a petition was presented by responsible parties asking the Council to cause plans and specifications to be once made and submitted to the Council for the bridge at Adams street upon the same plan, &c., &c. Finally, as the ordinance now stands, the petitioners agreeing to guarantee one-half of the expense of the bridge. This was referred to the Committee on Harbor and Bridges, and a copy was sent to the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works reported plans and specifications and the proper ordinance at the Council meeting of January 9, 1865. At that meeting the Council called up the ordinance reported at a former meeting, for giving away Adams street, called the previous question, and put the ordinance on its passage. It received a large majority of the votes of the members present, but not a majority of the whole number of Aldermen, and as it contained an appropriation of money, it fell within that provision of the city charter which requires a majority of the whole. It consequently failed for the time being.

We understand that an effort will be made Monday evening to call up this ordinance, and vote away Adams street. We desire to call the attention of citizens to the fact that, the *real estate* proposed to be given to the Ft. Wayne R. R. Company for $20,000 is worth $50,000, and can be sold for that sum to private individuals. We desire to call their attention to the fact that Adams street is a most important thoroughfare running from the lake shore to the western city limits—a thoroughfare that will inevitably be needed for a bridge or a tunnel—is now needed in fact. It is idle to say that the power to build such a bridge within ten years is reserved to the city. The clause of the ordinance merely creates a corruption fund, for everybody knows that when the company ever get possession of the street, and have it covered with permanent structures, they will stay there. The question of a tunnel at Washington street is wholly foreign to the purpose. The Council have no right to rob Peter to pay Paul. They have no right to steal from Adams street to enrich Washington street. We call upon the citizens to resist, while there is yet time, this attempt to defeat justice, and to encroach upon the rights of a large number of property holders on Adams and the adjoining streets. If this style of procedure is to be adopted by the Council, any man's turn to be injured may come next.

PERSONAL.

A large majority of the Illinois Legislature were engaged in the business for which they are chosen by the people, viz: making laws. A small minority are engaged in butting their heads against the Chicago Tribune. If some of them should butt their brains out in the operation the loss would not be perceived in the General Assembly. Hence they are welcome to all the diversion which the exercise may furnish them, as well as all the dividends which may be declared from the same at the end of the session. They are a source of profit in their endeavors by the *State Journal*, which, between the movement for bringing the State Capital to Chicago, and the incessant demands made upon its columns for our benefit, is in a state of bewilderment which excites our sympathies. We beg these gentlemen to go on with their game, for under the constellation of Illinois they will not have another chance for two years.

Corn Sugar.

The Buffalo *Commercial* of the 7th states that the parties interested in the recent discovery of sugar to be manufactured from corn are actively engaged in making preparations for the extensive manufacture of sugar by the new method, and that they will be prepared to put the new staple upon the market in a few days. The *Commercial* adds: "Developments, which have been made since the matter was first announced by us, have more than confirmed the statements made at that time, and more than justify the anticipations we then indulged in as to the complete success of the enterprise."

☞ The New York *Review* says the prevailing modes for ladies were never so bizarre and brilliant as now; and the sudden irruption of crimson, yellow, blue, green and scarlet, gold braid and buttons, can only be traced to the influence of the prevailing military spirit of the country. Our gay sons and chasseur uniforms have produced a sort of contagious fever for bright colors and singular patterns, which has at once seized upon the sex with which dress is an important consideration. And this military origin of the fashion further shows itself in the actual insignia of the soldier, which are complacently adopted by the ladies. Chevrons, army-buttons, corps-badges, etc., are now a standard portion of the modiste's wares; and if the rage continues, we may expect to see our wives and daughters actually wearing swords and carrying cartridge-boxes.

☞ The Confederate organ in this city publishes a letter from the Senate reporter of the Associated Press indicating that some remarks of ours on his method of doing business have made a strong impression on his mind. We had already been made aware of the fact by the improvement in his dispatches. We no longer find our Senate report constantly of one speech reported verbatim, and pairing off with the last speech of Conkling and Ramsey and Howe once against it, and Trumbull and Sherman and Collamer in favor of it. Senate speeches are now reported in the "Senate style condensed." The public will thank us for the reform which has been accomplished.

OUR NASHVILLE LETTER.

Reconstruction in Tennessee—The Work of the State Convention—Highly Important Military Mints—The Situation—Its Promising Aspects.

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This morning the Court Martial occupied in the trial of Walsh, Morris & Co., assembled in the room of the Court House, in this city, pursuant to adjournment, one member, however—Colonel Spooner—was unavoidably absent. Major Burnett, the Judge Advocate, said that the Government was perfectly prepared with its witnesses for the prosecution, and had all the members of the court been present, he intended to have opened the case for the people without further delay. This he could do, as the point in the absence of Colonel Spooner, as it was a matter of importance that all the evidence should be heard, and carefully weighed, by each member of the Commission. He therefore asked that the reading of the proceedings, the record of the previous day be read, and any further preliminary business be transacted, after which the court might adjourn until to-morrow, when he would place his first witness upon the stand.

The counsel for the defense expressed their perfect willingness to accede to the proposition, and with the consent of the concurrence of the Court, Col. Spooner should resume his seat in the Commission.

The previous day's record was then read, and when slightly amended, approved.

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The Judge Advocate informed the court that he had received an order from Major Gen. Hooker, which he would read. The order was relating to the absence of Mr. Spooner from the court, and requiring him to state the reasons for his absence. Mr. Spooner stated that he left Indianapolis by the order of General Hooker, which ordered him to attend the session of the Commission.

Mr. Spooner did not know why he should be selected as a victim. The other day when Col. Martin, of Indianapolis, was in this city, he was informed that he could operate in cases where a willful violation was apparent.

The court then retired for deliberation. They decided that the order should be issued, and that the Judge Advocate should be present, as he thinks will be conducive to the interests of the Government.

Major Burnett stated that he was ready with the testimony for the people. He would request all witnesses but the one now on the stand to leave the room. The witness whom he should first place upon the stand was John T. Shanks.

The witness, a well built, intelligent looking young man of about 25 years of age, then took the stand, and was sworn by the Judge Advocate and testified as follows:

THE EVIDENCE.

My name is John T. Shanks, and I reside, when at home, at Nacogdoches, Texas. For the last three years I have been a soldier in the Confederate army, which I entered in April, 1861, at Austin, Texas, under McCulloch. I enlisted for three years. Since the commencement of the war I have been in the hands of the Federal authorities. Previous to my capture I was in the Confederate service. I was captured at Fort Donelson, and was taken to Camp Morton, Indiana, and from there to Camp Douglas, Chicago. When in the Confederate army I held the rank of Captain. Part of the time I commanded a company, and part of the time I was acting commissary under Gen. Price. I have resided at Camp Douglas since I was first taken there. On the 8th of December 1864, I took the oath of allegiance to the United States government. My object in doing so, I had made in June of the preceding year, and carried it out. I escaped from Camp Douglas. I also told him that I succeeded in obtaining a parole of honor, and accordingly was to rather a difficult position. He expressed sympathy with me, and said he would aid me in any way he could. I told him that I had also been connected with the escape of Morris and Dodge. I told him they were rather oppressed and were looking for assistance from parties outside. He asked me the question, I think, but at the present moment I cannot recollect, as to what I would do if I were in command of the Confederate army. I replied that I would endeavor to release the prisoners at Camp Douglas. He then asked me if I would be willing to undertake the job. I replied that I would. He then asked me if I would be willing to undertake the job. I replied that I would. He then asked me if I would be willing to undertake the job. I replied that I would

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Book Alice M miss
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Barnal M miss
Barker Sarah miss
Barnard B mrs
Barnard S 6 mrs
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Barnard Ella
Barnard E miss
Bartlett David mrs
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Bartlett Emma miss
Bassett Phebe miss
Butterfield Elizabeth mrs
Baxter David M mrs
Baxter Sarah mrs
Bailey Wm D mrs
Bailey E miss
Bennett Joseph mrs
Beaufort Thos mrs
Berry Clara mrs
Berry B
Berry Bridget miss
Berkley Sarah A mrs
Berkley Rebecca
Bickard Mary miss
Blakesley Louisa miss
Blanchard Emma miss
Banks Martha mrs
Black Mary Louisa miss
Blongett Emma miss
Bilton Odella miss
Blackwell Lizzie mrs

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Clyborn Martha
Corlson Lizzie J
Carroll Mary M
Cambell Josephine
Chamberlain Ira mrs
Chamberlain Harriet mrs
Cannon Henry mrs
Case Marion mrs
Case Mary mrs
Crawford Angie mrs
Carroll Rebecca
Clark Mary
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MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1865.

THE CITY.

THE STEAM BOAT.—The Mayor has appointed Herman Hobart, Talcott and Roberts as the committee to proceed to Springfield to lay before the Legislature the action of the Common Council in relation to the proposed bill for cleansing the river.

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Bryan Hall Friday Evening—Gathering of the Sons—Addresses by Leading Citizens and a Newsboy—Refreshments Resources.

The gathering of the newsboys and offeens of Chicago, at Bryan Hall Friday evening, was most successful in every particular. The boys, the fathers of the press, each displaying his badge occupied seats on the platform on the left of the speaker's chair, and several of our public spirited citizens on the right of the chair, including Hon. S. Bryan, Jno. Jno. Geo. C. Bates, Rev. Robert Collyer, Rev. J. J. Butler, D. B. Judge Lanning, Gen. Sheridan, Col. Mulligan and others.

Gen. Geo. C. Bates called the meeting to order and nominated Thos. B. Bryan as chairman. This nomination was loudly confirmed.

Mr. Bryan on taking the chair briefly explained that the meeting had been called in aid of the newsboys' fund, to ameliorate the condition of the news boys in Chicago. He stated that more money would be raised with delight by all philanthropists, if the number of newsboys were fewer in number and constantly increasing, the majority of the orphans and friendless. It was a question with our citizens how they could do our boys the most good, and he was not prepared to say. Should they give them money, or should they encourage them to work for it? He was in favor of the latter course. He was in favor of the latter course.

Gen. Sheridan was then introduced and spoke encouragingly to each article as Habelmann, Hall and Bullitt. Gen. Sheridan said he could well sympathize with the little urchins. His father, one of the best colonels in the army, was compelled to leave the service he could not on the care of his children. He was compelled to go to the office of the Provost Marshal and examined by the surgeon, who pronounced him unfit for service. He then went to the office of the Provost Marshal, and on hearing the Provost Marshal's name, he remembered that he had been in the office of Lieut. J. L. Horr, in Larmon's Block; that as formerly advised he gave his name as 18 formerly, his name as John G. Horr; that he was sworn in and certain papers were made out and signed; that a soldier then took charge of him, furnished him a suit of clothes, have him a dinner and $10 in money; that yesterday he was called